

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 278

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the South Greene High School Lady Rebels basketball team upon winning the 2017 TSSAA Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the South Greene High School girls' basketball team and Head Coach Stephen Gregg have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class A state championship for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, this was their sixth state championship crown and third set of back-to-back state championships, and this tremendous accomplishment was the highlight of an outstanding season that saw the team compile a record of 35-4. South Greene previously hoisted the famous golden ball as state champions in 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992, and 2016; and

WHEREAS, returning to Murfreesboro to defend their title of state champions, the South Greene Lady Rebels utilized precision offense and tenacious defense to take down Pickett County in the quarterfinals 67-62 and destroy Summertown in the semifinals 62-47 to advance to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, facing Clarkrange High School in the finals, the Lady Rebels led early but saw their lead cut to one point at the half; weathering the storm, the young women from South Greene pulled away for a 66-57 victory and their second consecutive TSSAA Class A State Championship crown; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Rebels received stellar performances by two-time Miss Basketball finalist and State Tournament Most Valuable Player Taylor Lamb, who tallied a double-double for the championship game with nineteen points and ten rebounds, and fellow All-Tournament teammates Braelyn Wykle, Kinsley Wykle, and Morgan Williams; and

WHEREAS, the members of the South Greene High School Lady Rebels basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the South Greene High School Lady Rebels basketball team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the South Greene High School Lady Rebels basketball team upon winning the 2017 TSSAA Class A State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.